



The People of
Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
gather for the

Worship of God

April 30, 2023, 9:30am: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of the risen Christ is with you...
And also with you!

Ms. Glennis Covault

Call to Worship	Lift up your hearts... We lift them to the Lord!	Ms. Covault
Prelude	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	Mr. Evan Collins
Meditation for Preparation	"There is strong shadow where there is much light." – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, <i>Götz von Berlichingen</i>	
Hymn of Praise 293	<i>Out of Need and Out of Custom</i>	GATHERING
Invocation		Ms. Pam Sheetz
Hymn of Prayer 506	<i>Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill</i>	HEALER
Prayers of the People	Healer of our every ill... Give us light for each tomorrow.	
The Lord's Prayer	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.	
Sung Response 305	<i>Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying</i>	CHILDREN PRAYING
Invitation to Stewardship	Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.	Mr. Mark Mathes
Offertory	<i>Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart</i>	Mr. Collins
Doxology 234	<i>Doxology</i> Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for all he came to save; his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.	DIADEMATA
The Reading	Acts 5:12-16 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	Mr. Collins

Active & Activating Faith: Throwing Shade

Discipline of Silence

“And talking about dark! You think dark is just one color, but it ain't. There're five or six kinds of black. Some silky, some woolly. Some just empty. Some like fingers. And it don't stay still, it moves and changes from one kind of black to another. Saying something is pitch black is like saying something is green. What kind of green? Green like my bottles? Green like a grasshopper? Green like a cucumber, lettuce, or green like the sky is just before it breaks loose to storm? Well, night black is the same way. May as well be a rainbow.”

—Toni Morrison, *Song of Solomon*

Hymn of Communion

In These Moments We Remember

MEDEMA

In these mo - ments we re - mem - ber One who calls us to be friends. One who leads us on the
 We are hun - gry for re - fresh - ment. We are long - ing to be whole. To this mo - ment we are
 We will take this ho - ly ta - ble to the hun - gry ev - ery - where. God's pro - vi - sion has sus -

jour - ney, till the jour - ney's joy - ful end. Bless - ed Je - sus, guide and teach - er, voice and
 bring - ing starv - ing spir - its, thirst - y souls. As we meet a - round this ta - ble, may God's
 tained us; God's a - bun - dance we will share. Hun - gry hearts and hun - gry bod - ies will be

face of love di - vine; now we cel - e - brate his pres - ence in this feast of bread and wine.
 feast our spir - its fill. May we find new hope and pur - pose. May we find new strength and will.
 nour - ished and be fed. And we seal this, our com - mit - ment, in this feast of wine and bread.

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Nancy Walker

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 672

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Where Restless Crowds Are Thronging

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

¹Lyrics by Ken Medema, 2009

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Sunday, April 30
 - 11:00am: Becoming WACC in the Parlors
 - 6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship
- Monday, May 1
 - 3:00pm: Worship Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
- Tuesday, May 2
 - WACC serves as polling location for 4th Ward
 - 7:45am: Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)
 - 5:30pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
 - 6:30pm: Christian Education Committee Meeting (Hybrid)
- Wednesday, May 3
 - 7:00pm: theAlternative: Worship online via YouTube
- Thursday, May 4
 - 10:00am: All Church Social-Hour (Zoom)
 - 8:00pm: Nominating Committee Meeting (Hybrid)



We are thrilled that you are worshipping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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